

Tissot/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 2000 - Coupe du Monde MTB

XC #3 - HOUFFALIZE, BEL - 29/30 APRIL

The Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup resumed racing after a three-week break this weekend, attracting an estimated 30,000 spectators and perfect racing conditions to the charming Ardenne town of Houffalize, in southern Belgium. Set amongst green hills and historic buildings, the town was at a standstill Sunday as the huge crowds lined one of the sport's most enduring courses.

Women began racing at 10:30 a.m. under cool grey skies, 87 international athletes contesting 3 3/4 laps of a long 9 km track. **Marga Fullana** (ESP, Subaru-Specialized), who DNF'd in Napa Valley's [round one](#) and missed [round two](#) in Mexico, took immediate control of this third round, leading several contenders through a three-quarter length start lap and into their first full lap.



Marga Fullana - ESP

Alison Dunlap (USA, Team GT), who finished 2nd in both of the previous rounds, was feeling very strong, and took over the lead in lap two – quickly putting nearly 25 seconds on the Spanish champion within one lap. **Corine Dorland** (NED, Be-One) was riding steadily in third position, while **Mary Grigson** (AUS, Gary Fisher/Saab) and teammate Olympic Gold Medallist **Paola Pezzo** (ITA, Gary Fisher Saab) rounded out the top-five in the early running.

Dunlap punctured her rear tyre in the second full lap, losing 2 1/2 minutes and several positions before returning to action. This gave Fullana the lead back, which she kept for the remainder of the race. Corine Dorland gave a strong chase, and even if she couldn't beat Fullana, Fullana was also unable to shake the Dutch newcomer. While Fullana and Dorland rode closely together up front, Grigson and Pezzo created a secondary battle approximately 40 seconds back while Dunlap worked her way back to the 5th position.



Corine Dorland - NED

In the 3rd (bell) lap Fullana was finally able to shake Dorland by 8 seconds, while Grigson – a minute later – put nearly a minute on a surging Dunlap who had displaced Pezzo, now in 5th position. **Elsbeth Vink** (*NED, Subaru-Specialized*), who worked her way up from 10th position and then paced behind Dunlap, was now in 6th position.

At the finish line Fullana grabbed a Spanish flag from her boyfriend/manager and waved it high as she repeated her win from last season's world cup finals here in Houffalize. Corine Dorland crossed the line 21 seconds later, happy with her career-best finish, while Mary Grigson held on for 3rd place. Alison Dunlap capped her powerful return to the podium with a 4th place finish, while Elsbeth Vink captured her career-best finish with 5th.

Quoted:

1st Place - Marga Fullana:

"I felt so bad for the last week, I was sick with a cold and so today was very difficult – I had a lot of pain in my legs. But when you're in the front you get a lot of power, and Corine was so strong today – I was surprised."

2nd Place - Corine Dorland:

"This is my best finish, and I really worked hard for it. I felt great all this past week, and am happy to do well here because it is so important for my nation's Olympic selection process."

Next stop of the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is round #4 of the cross-country tour, next weekend in St. Wendel Germany.

Ari Cheren



Vink | Grigson | Fullana | Dorland | Dunlap

	#	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time
1	54	ESP19720409	FULLANA	Marga	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED	2:05:16
2	10	NED19730630	DORLAND	Corine	BE-ONE TEAM	2:05:37
3	3	AUS19730603	GRIGSON	Mary	GARY FISHER/SAAB	2:07:05
4	2	USA19690727	DUNLAP	Alison	TEAM GT	2:07:19
5	49	NED19730125	VINK	Elsbeth	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED	2:07:50
6	9	ITA19690108	PEZZO	Paola	GARY FISHER/SAAB	2:08:35
7	17	FRA19691106	VILLENEUVE	Sophie	EGOBIKE/CAMELBACK	2:09:36
8	55	GBR19680303	ALEXANDER	Caroline	GREAT BRITAIN	2:09:40
9	6	SUI19701222	BLATTER	Barbara	SCOTT USA	2:09:55
10	15	USA19631122	TROMBLEY	Ann	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:09:58
11	1	CAN19660909	SYDOR	Alison	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:11:00
12	12	RUS19761202	EPIFANOVA	Alla	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:11:20
13	11	FRA19690125	TEMPORELLI	Sandra	LOOK/LA POSTE	2:12:36
14	65	ESP19730917	PUIGROS MIRANDA	Janet	ROTOR EDR	2:12:40
15	22	ARG19720518	FLORIT	Jimena	RLX/POLO SPORT	2:13:14
16	16	GER19711221	SPITZ	Sabine	MERIDA	2:14:01
17	40	BEL19641010	LAROY	Lory	BE-ONE TEAM	2:14:01
18	63	SUI19740613	RUSCA	Maroussia	SCOTT ELVIA	2:14:21
19	7	USA19651111	MATTHES	Ruthie	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:14:33
20	8	SUI19660623	DAUCOURT	Chantal	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:14:54
21	79	SWE19780409	ÖSTERGREN	Marla		2:14:57
22	44	GER19680826	MARUNDE	Regina	FOCUS	2:15:33
23	56	ESP19671215	ROVIRA PLANAS	Silvia	MACARIO GT	2:16:14
24	27	CAN19591226	TOMLINSON	Lesley	RLX POLO SPORT	2:16:19
25	24	GBR19650112	ROBINSON	Louise	STOURBRIDGE CC	2:16:25
26	18	USA19641117	KAIN	Shari	RLX POLO SPORT	2:17:02
27	5	FRA19720222	LEBOUCHER	Laurence	TEAM GT	2:17:13
28	30	SUI19691014	HENZI	Petra		2:18:17
29	26	AUS19770730	GEYSEN	Hanneke	BE-ONE/AIS	2:18:38
30	64	NED19750429	SOLLAART	Tessa		2:19:24
31	70	ITA19650914	TOVAGLIERI	Giuliana	TEAM SPREAFICO	2:19:26
32	39	USA19650705	QUICK	Rhonda		2:19:53
33	33	AUS19761216	BAYLIS	Anna	CANNONDALE AUSTRALIA	2:20:18
34	21	ITA19680704	STROPPARO	Annabella	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:20:36
35	62	FRA19791016	MARCOUYRE	Hélene	LOOK/LA POSTE	2:21:10
36	13	GER19650904	ZU PUTLITZ	Hedda	BE-ONE TEAM	2:21:33
37	73	CHN19770205	MA	Yan Ping	CHINESE NATL TEAM	2:21:38
38	14	GBR19700608	BRUNGER	Tracy	GREAT BRITAIN	2:21:59
39	76	ITA19721024	SALA	Veronica	TEAM COLNAGO	2:22:13
40	72	POL19810216	SZAFRANIEC	Anna	POLAND	2:22:14
41	23	CAN19690205	SINCLAIR	Patricia	MARIN	2:22:42
42	41	JPN19700524	KOBAYASHI	Kanako	A&F	2:22:49
43	67	ITA19720406	DE NEGRI	Nadia	BIANCHI ALBACOM	2:23:23
44	43	NZL19690329	PARKER	Sadie	NZMBA	2:24:09
45	69	RSA19651227	KOTZE	Hannele	TREK/GINZING/VW	2:24:35
46	38	AUS19761002	FRANKE	Dellys	MERIDA AUSTRALIA	2:25:37
47	28	USA19661005	AUGUSTIN	Audrey	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:26:22
48	51	DEN19770410	BRUHN	Nadine	KOLDING	2:27:54
49	61	USA19640728	MARSHMAN	Rene	MOOTS	2:27:55

50	99	ITA19711019	MARSILIO	Claudia	RACER TEAM	2:27:55
51	53	SUI19640723	GASSMANN	Daniela		2:28:28
52	80	SUI19790205	MORF	Sonja		2:29:30
53	90	FRA19800805	GUIRRONNET	Sandrine	BIANCHI RACING TEAM	2:29:56
54	52	USA19690807	MASON	Lanie	CANE CREEK	2:30:35
55	60	AUT19730405	BRAUMANN	Birgit	FIAT ROTWILD	2:31:22
56	96	SUI19811130	FLÜCKIGER	Lea	TEAM GT	2:31:23
57	194	CHN19780113	YU	Quanlan	CHINESE NATL TEAM	2:32:35
58	59	CAN19730517	MCQUAID	Melanie		2:33:56
59	108	FRA19810205	HANSEN	Séverine	LOOK/LA POSTE	2:34:17
60	105	GER19730317	RAHNER	Carolin	FIAT ROTWILD	2:34:58
61	74	AUT19750708	JUNGMAIER	Bärbel	CYCLOPIA TREK TEAM	2:35:09
62	82	NED19690710	VAN LOON	Annemiek		2:35:35
63	78	USA19621003	EGGERTSEN	Teresa	MICRO/SUPREME/X-MEN	2:37:23
64	116	SVK19760201	STEVKOVA	Jana		2:37:58
65	68	GER19750708	RÖSCH	Nora	FOCUS	2:39:21
66	98	SUI19810605	RUPF	Katja	ARROW SWISS BIKE TM	2:39:41
67	92	CHN19791008	WANG	Wenxia	CHINESE NATL TEAM	2:39:42
68	71	BEL19710602	VAN DEUN	Hilde		- 1 lap
69	94	NED19800914	DIELEMAN	Mirjam		- 1 lap
70	93	CAN19740402	PETIT	Nadine		- 1 lap
71	87	BEL19670825	VAN AERTSELAERE	Carine		- 1 lap
72	95	NED19751218	VAN GERVEN	Renate		- 1 lap
73	86	NED19781226	TURPIJN	Laura		- 1 lap
74	111	NED19780302	HOFS	Petra		- 1 lap
75	97	AUS19700514	TOPMAN	Lucy	MERCEDES BENZ	- 2 laps
	36	RSA19700925	GREEN	Erica	GT	DNF
	42	USA19670101	HALL	Gina	KOULIUS ZAARD	DNF
	45	GER19720512	WEISS	Helga	ROTHAUS-STORCK	DNF
	50	GER19670901	JÜNGST	Birgit	SCOTT-POLAR-RACING-T	DNF
	57	CZE19730208	JERABKOVA	Jana	CZE	DNF
	66	GER19720321	SCHWING	Katrin	STORCK	DNF
	83	ITA19690217	BALDUZZI	Elisa	TEAM COLNAGO	DNF
	84	SWE19780227	ÖHRSTIG	Emelie	TEAM CRESCENT	DNF
	88	BEL19720407	DEROO	Mieke		DNF
	89	FRA19810106	RODE	Cécile	BIANCHI ALBACOM	DNF
	100	CZE19770616	BUBLOVA	Ilona	CZE	DNF
	189	NED19711129	VAN DE VLIST	Ingrid		DNF